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For: ARTIFICIAL MUSCLE HYDROGEL BLENDS REVERSIBLY ELECTROACTUATED
NEAR NEUTRAL pH, IMPLANTABLE ACTUATING DEVICES, AND METHODS
USING THE SAME

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The relevance of **5,062,841** and **2002/0013545 A1**, are discussed in the present specification.

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